



# The Inner Circle

April 2017

First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove

## Focus on Women, Children & Youth

From its beginning, United Methodist Women has focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.

<b>Sarah Circle</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b><u>Room 213</u></b>	<b>Mary Elizabeth Circle-1:00pm</b> <b><u>Chapel Hall</u></b>	<b>Rachel Circle</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b><u>Room 213</u></b>	<b>Ruth Circle</b> <b>12:45pm</b> <b><u>Chapel Hall</u></b>
Apr. 04/24	Apr. 04/27	Apr. 04/27	Apr. 04/27
May 05/22	May 05/24	May 05/25	May 05/25

## PWP Rotation

January—Ruth  
 February—Mary Elizabeth  
 March—Rachel  
 April—Sarah  
 May—Ruth and Mary Elizabeth  
 June—Rachel and Sarah  
 July—need volunteers please!  
 August—need volunteers please!  
 September—Ruth  
 October—Mary Elizabeth  
 November—Rachel  
 December—Sarah

## Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness  
 Transformed to the brightness light.

The most dreadful end  
 Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair  
 Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death  
 Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)



## Stay Connected! Keep in Touch!

Browse the United Methodist Women website - [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

UMW Mission Resources website: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/resources>

DGFUMC website: <http://www.dgfumc.org>

FUMCUMW website: <http://www.dgfumc.org/fellowship/umw>

Aurora District UMW website: <http://auroradistrictumw.wixsite.com/auroradistrictumw>

UMC General Board of Church and Society Faith in Action website:

<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2798475/k.7A8F> Faith in Action.htm

Facebook: group is called [United Methodist Women of DGFUMC](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

Aurora District Facebook group is called [Aurora District UMW—Illinois](#)—find us and ask to join, then invite your friends to join.

NICUMW Facebook group is [Northern Illinois Conference—United Methodist Women](#)—find it and ask to join.



# Spring

## *Luncheon*

hosted by United Methodist Women

**Come learn about the UMW Reading Program**

**Thursday, April 27**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Chapel Hall**



**Ruth Circle**—women of all ages—childcare provided upon request  
**Meets in Chapel Hall- 4th Thursday 12:45 pm**

At Ruth Circle's March meeting, we were glad to welcome Verla Boyle back after her time off recuperating from a fall. She led the Prayer & Self-Denial service from the UMW Program Book. We also spent a fair amount of time planning the upcoming Spring General Meeting, which we will be co-hosting with Mary Elizabeth Circle. Hope to see you all there!

*Circle Coordinator—Julie Stone*

**Mary Elizabeth Circle**— mostly women of grown children—childcare provided upon request  
**Meets in Chapel Hall-4th Wednesday 1:00pm**

We had thirteen members and two guests at our meeting. Our co-hosts Judy B. and Joan Wilson served us wonderful Cupcakes. Leah Ostwald, our UMW Aurora District Social Action Person was our guest speaker. The program "Maternal and Child Health Care" fit right in with our collection for "Prayer & Self-Denial". We did the collection one month early as we don't meet in April. In 2013 over 700,000 dollars were collected in the USA. All the money goes to the UMW Mission programs. We discussed the April 27th General Meeting at which we will co-host with Ruth Circle. We encouraged everyone to come. We signed up to provide food, set up and clean up. Bonnie did devotions and March 22nd turned out to be "WORLD WATER DAY." We then discussed the importance of water and ways to conserve it in our own homes.

We signed birthday cards for missing members and missionaries. After "Joys and Concerns we closed.

Our next meeting is May 24th.

*Circle Coordinator—Joan Van Order*

**Sarah Circle**—mostly working women—no childcare available  
**Meets in the Room 213—4th Monday 7:00pm**

Sarah Circle did not have a regular meeting in March.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 24th at 7 p.m.

*Circle Coordinator— Gretchen Shearer*



The Aurora District is looking for a Vice President and a few volunteers for the nomination committee. If you are interested, please let me know.



After a long dry season...finally blessed with life-giving rains.  
Photo credit: Brian Vinson, GBGM missionary, Zambia

Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In the work that I do as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, I see the "poor in spirit" daily. I answer God's call to be a blessing to "the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Jana Marie Whitten, deaconess, St. John's United Methodist Church / Salmon Falls Behavioral Health

**Joanna Circle**—young ladies in 6th through 12th grades  
**Meets in Chapel Hall - 3rd Sunday**  
**11:00 am**

We want to thank you all for your effort in the past, but we are calling an end to Joanna circle. We had some fun and participated in some worth while service projects.

It was fun while it lasted!

*Co-Circle Coordinators— Shelly Davenport and Julie Stone*

**Rachel Circle**—mostly mother's of young children—childcare always provided  
**Meets in Rm. 213 - 4th Thursday**  
**9:00 am**

Rachel Circle met in March for a Lenten program by Cindi Roselieb. She presented the first two chapters of the book, "The Power of Meaning: Crafting a Life that Matters." Anyone interested in joining our group can drop in anytime.

*Circle Coordinator - Maggie Roth*



Ina Osborn is in need of another assistant with the PWP ordering process. There are two who help to place the orders now, but she would like another back-up / fill-in.

If you are interested in occasionally helping Ina out, please contact her— 630-308-8418 or [inamairi@mac.com](mailto:inamairi@mac.com)

## Purchase With a Purpose

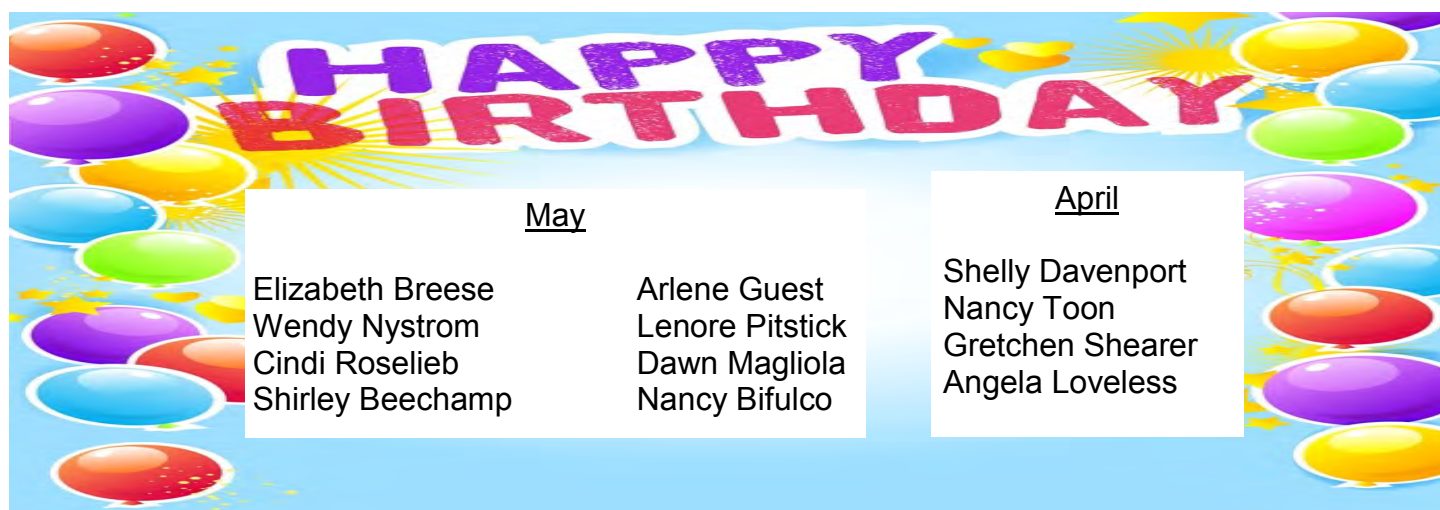
Along with our pledges the Purchase With a Purpose gift card program is our major fundraiser to support the work of United Methodist Women making a difference in the lives of women and children everywhere. The gift cards are supplied by a company called The Manna Group and they are continuously improving the program to help us raise money. Many of us buy from the cards available at the table in the Parlor on Sundays and place an order once a month. If you are willing to set up an account with Manna you will have online access to many more gift cards which can be delivered to you via email. For instance, a friend invites you to go out for lunch and you choose one of the many restaurants where you can pay with a gift card printed from your email. Amazon, Best Buy, Express, hotels.com and TJ Maxx are some of the retailers you can use as and when you need them. Check out the full listing and contact Ina (630-308-8418 or [inamairi@mac.com](mailto:inamairi@mac.com)) to get set up with an account:

<http://www.mannagroup.net/assets/escrrip-orderform.pdf>

The other alternative to buying plastic cards is the Benefit Mobile APP for your smart phone. Download the APP, register with First United Methodist Downers Grove, Purchase With A Purpose and set up your bank account for direct debit or a credit card. Most of the cards are delivered to your phone and can be used directly at the store checkout.

Every Sunday we have Amazon, Home Depot, iTunes, Jewel, Kohl's, Meijer, Panera Bread, Speedway Gas, Starbuck's, Target, Ultra Foods, Walgreens, and Downers Grove Downtown Dollars ready to pick up at the table in the Parlor. Orders are placed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month through June then the 2nd and 4th Sundays through November.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Purchase With a Purpose is not just for members of UMW, encourage all your friends at church to participate.



<u>May</u>		<u>April</u>
Elizabeth Breese	Arlene Guest	Shelly Davenport
Wendy Nystrom	Lenore Pitstick	Nancy Toon
Cindi Roselieb	Dawn Magliola	Gretchen Shearer
Shirley Beechamp	Nancy Bifulco	Angela Loveless

April 22, 2017  
 Minooka United Methodist Church

205 W. Church

Minooka, Il. 60447



Pastor Sarah Hong



9:15-9:40	Gathering Music & Announcements Devotions: Karen Hewitson Response Moment & Book Review: Julia Jones
9:40-10:40	“Rooted in Love” Ephesians 3:14-19
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Worship, Memorial Service, Communion

**Registration Fee is \$5.00 – Checks payable to “Aurora District UMW”**

Send registration by April 18 to

Karen Pubentz C/O

Minooka UMC, 205 W. Church,

Minooka, Il 60447 or email at [ksbulmer@hotmail.com](mailto:ksbulmer@hotmail.com)

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care (number of children & ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

July 13-16, 2017  
Camp Reynoldswood  
621 Reynoldswood Rd.  
Dixon, IL



July 22, 2017  
First United Methodist Church  
1032 Maple Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL

# Mission u

*Learning together for the transformation of the World*

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Weekend Event—July 13-16 for Adults (English only)

#### Schedule

Thurs., July 13 3:30 pm Registration begins  
5:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Classes begin  
Fri., & Sat., 8:00 am Breakfast  
July 14 & 15 9:00 am Classes begin  
Each day will contain classes, all meals, free time,  
and special events.  
Sun., July 16 8:00 am Breakfast  
12:00 Lunch, program ends

All participants will take an 8 hour study:  
*Living as a Covenant Community*  
Participants also indicate a preference for their  
second 8 hour study:  
*Missionary Conferences of the U.S.*  
*Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*

Accommodations will be dorm-style rooms at  
Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon. Those who prefer  
hotel accommodations are welcome to make their  
own reservations at Comfort Inn, Dixon, and pay  
the commuter rate. A block of rooms at a cost of  
\$102.84/day will be available until June 20,  
mention United Methodist Women.

For optional hotel accommodations, contact:  
Comfort Inn, 815-284-0500  
136 Plaza Drive  
Dixon, IL 61021

### Studies and Leaders

#### **Adults:**

#### Spiritual Growth:

*Living as a Covenant Community*  
Rev. Danita Anderson (English)  
Rev. Hyewon "Sophia" Hyon (Korean)  
Norma Cruz (Spanish)

#### Geographic Study:

*Missionary Conferences of the U.S.*  
Rev. Adrienne Trevathan  
Laura Dean Friedrich

#### Social Issue:

*Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*  
Peggy Hansen

#### **Children:**

*Joined and Held Together: A Children's Study on  
Missionary Conferences* Joy Hayag

#### **Youth:**

*In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary  
Conferences* Rev. Dr. Harriette Cross

#### **Fees**

Overnight at the Camp	\$225
Commuter Rate	\$125
One Day Event--Adult	\$ 50
One Day Event—Children/Youth	
1 child \$20, 2 children \$35, 3+ children \$45	
(Maximum per family for children \$45)	

Weekend Lodging students may make payment in  
2 installments of \$112.50 due June 20 and July 6.  
First time attendees to the Weekend Event may  
deduct \$75 from the overnight or commuter rate.

**Registration Deadline: July 1**

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## One Day Event—July 22 for Adults

Classes will be offered in English, Korean, and Spanish.

### Schedule

8:00 am	Registration
8:45 am	Program begins
4:00 pm	End of Mission u Day

A continental breakfast of fresh fruit, yogurt, pastries, and hard boiled eggs will be available and served during registration. Lunch will be served for adults, children and youth.

### **Studies Available—**

English: an overview of all three studies

- *Living as a Covenant Community*
- *Missionary Conferences of the U.S.*
- *Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action*

### Korean

- *Living as a Covenant Community*

### Spanish

- *Living as a Covenant Community*

Textbooks will be available for purchase at both events or you may order them at [umwmissionresources.org](http://umwmissionresources.org) or 800-305-9857.

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## One Day Event—July 22 for Children and Youth

Children (completed kindergarten – 11 yrs old)

*Joined and Held Together: A Children's Study on Missionary Conferences* - This study explores our connections and differences, encouraging us to see how both strengthen our community and our place within it.

Youth (ages 12-17)

*In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences* - This study focuses on the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska, Oklahoma Indian Missionary, and Red Bird. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission.

Child care for infant – 5 years will be available. Please provide a sack lunch for children needing child care.

All youth and children attending must be accompanied by an adult who registers for the adult session. One adult may accompany more than 1 youth/child, but must be present for the entire day. Health authorizations must be signed by parent and on file prior to event.

Youth ages 18 and up will attend adult classes.

Mission u is open to all:  
women, men, children and youth!

Contact your District President or Mission u Dean for scholarship information.

### **For additional information contact:**

Mission u Dean:  
Linda Priest  
630-739-9259  
[ceoweeks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ceoweeks@sbcglobal.net)

Assistant Mission u Dean:  
Robbie Moultrie  
708-343-8208

Mission u Registrar:  
Linda Osikowicz  
[nilumw.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:nilumw.registrar@gmail.com)  
847-540-5634 (leave a message)





# Mission u

## Registration Form

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

#### One Day Event

July 22, 2017  
 First United Methodist Church, Downers Grove  
 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, IL  
 Register by: July 1

#### Weekend Event

July 13-16, 2017  
 Camp Reynoldswood  
 621 Reynoldswood Rd., Dixon, IL  
 Register by: July 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip)

Special Needs (diet restrictions, mobility, deafness, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phonenumber(s): \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice for Second Class: \_\_\_ Climate Justice: Call To Hope and Action \_\_\_ Missionary Conferences of the U.S.

First Time Attending: Y N Conference UMW Office: \_\_\_\_\_ District UMW Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Study or Music Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Mission u Planning Team Member \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight accommodations will be at:  Camp Reynoldswood If so, do you require a room on the first floor? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comfort Inn or other off-site location  I do not need overnight accommodations.

<b><u>Weekend Event:</u></b>	Resident at Camp Reynoldswood	\$225	\$
	<i>Optional \$7 for linens. (if you don't bring your own)</i>	+ 7	\$
	Commuter (includes all meals)	\$125	\$
	<i>(see page 2 for optional hotel accommodations)</i>		
	Deduct \$75 if this is your first time attending Weekend Event	- 75	\$
<b><u>One Day Event:</u></b>	Adults	\$ 50	\$
	Youth and Children (ages 6-15) <small>One child: \$20; two children: \$35; three or more, \$45</small>		\$

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE: NIC/UMW Total Enclosed \$

**MAIL TO:** Linda Osikowicz, 21647 Inglenook Ln., Deer Park, IL 60010 **Deadline: July 1**

\*\*\* No on-site registration for Youth or Children – All authorizations must be signed by parent. \*\*\*  
 Authorization forms will be emailed to registering adult to be completed and returned to registrar.

Provide names and ages of children:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Child care provided for children ages infant-through age 5. Please bring a sack lunch for children age infant-5.

Confirmations will be sent by e-mail. If you wish one by mail, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## Bridge Family News!!!!

UMW will once again be helping to provide a little help to the Bridge Family. The rotation for the year is below. Please purchase gift cards from the Purchase With A Purpose table.

Julie Stone will take your donations to the family.

January—Mary Elizabeth  
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Thank you in advance  
for your generosity!!

**Available on the  
UMW book cart!**



*Snake Oil: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future*

By: Richard Heinberg

The rapid spread of hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) has temporarily boosted US natural gas and oil production... and

sparked a massive environmental backlash in communities across the country. The fossil fuel industry is trying to sell fracking as the biggest energy development of the century, with slick promises of American energy independence and benefits to local economies.

Snake Oil casts a critical eye on the oil-industry hype that has hijacked America’s energy conversation. This is the first book to look at fracking from both economic and environmental perspectives, informed by the most thorough analysis of shale gas and oil drilling data ever undertaken. Is fracking the miracle cure-all to our energy ills, or a costly distraction from the necessary work of reducing our fossil fuel dependence?

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER** **(mark your CALENDARS!)**

Apr. 22	Aurora District Spiritual growth event Minooka UMC 205 W Church St., Minooka, Il.	8:30 a.m.
Apr. 27	Spring Tea Luncheon provided by Mary Elizabeth and Ruth Circles Chapel Hall	12:00 p.m.
May 4	Leadership Team	9:00 a.m.
May 4	National Day of Prayer	
May 14	World Thank Offering Sunday	
July 22	One Day mission u Downers Grove FUMC	8:30 a.m.

Submit articles to Shelly Davenport at [sdavenportarch@gmail.com](mailto:sdavenportarch@gmail.com) or (630) 512-0370